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Management Officer

28 December 1949

Executive

Functional supervision of the Foreign Documents Division, O/O

Reference: Memo to Executive from AD/OO re Foreign Documents Division dated  
22 November 1949 (ER O-7652)

1. a. In connection with the examination of CIA by the "Dulles Committee", the question of proper placement of the Foreign Documents Division of the Office of Operations was raised with an indication that it might more suitably be placed under ORE than OO.

b. During our examination of appropriate reorganization measures in connection with a possible amalgamation of OSO, OPC and Contact Division, OO, a determination was made by the Director that the Foreign Documents Division should be placed in the Office of Collection and Dissemination.

c. In our hearings before the Bureau of the Budget after presentation of the Agency budget for fiscal year 1951, the Bureau of the Budget representatives brought up this matter, stating that in their opinion the Foreign Documents Division was not properly placed in the Office of Operations and suggesting that it probably should go to ORE. It was mentioned at this point that we had a tentative plan for placing it under OCD if the covert Offices and Contact Division, OO, were merged. The Director indicated at this hearing that he would give consideration to the proper functional placement of the Foreign Documents Division during the current fiscal year and without necessarily waiting for final determination on the merger referred to above.

2. This matter was discussed informally with Mr. Carey, after which he submitted a memo on the subject dated 22 November 1949, which is attached for your information.

3. This matter has also had some very informal discussion with the Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination.

4. Please initiate a study with a view to recommending to this office an appropriate solution to this problem, taking into consideration the three following possibilities:

a. That the Foreign Documents Division belongs more suitably in its present functional position than with any other Office provided the Office of Operations is not discontinued as the result of a possible later final decision from the National Security Council to merge the Contact Division with the covert Offices.

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b. That the Foreign Documents Division would be more suitably placed in the Office of Collection and Dissemination.

c. That the Foreign Documents Division would be more suitably placed in the Office of Reports and Estimates.

5. Please also consult with COAPS in connection with developing your study and recommendations.

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